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WATERLOO. 1^9*

rmitradietory reports were circulated, and strong proofs were, given tliat small reliance* could be placed on the, Belgians,¹ who seemed resolved to side, with whichever party might prove victorious. As early us the night; of the l.^th ot" June, when Bonaparte's advance, was first heard of, they reported that the French were actually at the gates of Brussels, lying in ambush to surprise the city, while others said that the apparent confidence and security of the Duke, of Wellington arose from his having bought over the- French, whom ho dared not fight *urines a la manij* with British gold. The. gossips and quidnuncs of the, town were, dreadfully embar- rassed by these, contradictory stories, and according¹ an one or other prevailed they were all for Bonaparte or all for

and a great many oftloorH were (lancing¹ at. a ball instead of being at thoir {HtntH; but the fart in that Wellington had nrjwiouMly iwwod tho iu«WHHary ordertf for th<* mare.h of the troops quartoroti in tho city UH well UB in the eantomnentH, whlrh was very properly kept, a profound BoereX About, mid- night the drums, hugh»H, and lmgpiieH hounded tho. nigna! of march. I. was stepping into bed \vh<*n the wolf- known *pihr<"h* HO familiar to my oar (the ('amerouiH' (fathering;) sounded under my windows, On ot>oning my t'Miwment I lwhold my oountrymi'tj asH<'njI>Hit^*Hk»» boon from all cjuartorn; and uovIT was thi»n» :i inon» prompt ttrrn- (>ut ; within half an hour ovory o(li-<*««r ami Hohiirr wan at Inn ponl, Tn« 41M, ifeid, and Tilth naradod in o

ted to J
ln* divihioit of l!ry?»KolH and it-H JH'iikbborhond amounted to JMMH); nbout noon it nsiehed Qtuttre llrun, a mareh of el^htt^ n miles, hi "a very hot day, and through ueoiuttrv that ii(Tor< led but little water, HO that hetwi'tm fatigue, and thirst they were miieh <«\h:tUHt<Mi lw^fore they wen< jittacke.d, and they hardly hint time !«•» nettle th«'ir kn.ipHji'.kn wlii'lt the Kreneh, eoneealed in the Hold of long rye, ntnl xtddetely (tolnMtehin^ fn*m a neighboring wood, e.ommeneod fi viijorouM lire, whteh wax rep»'llc*<l with t-he utmoHt- hravery, and though the British were hut ill-HUpporied by art- illery «»r«mvalry, they Huewwdmi in <lriv-ing tlie French from their noMitlonn, n.nd beeeame iniiMtorH of the field, but with mi immense UHK, partfottlariy in the mtiks of the Highlanders (Pryoo iJordftn's *Mfmnirs*).
J^lite following iiriH^hulation wtw totted by Nfit»ole<tn on tutoring Belgium, and wiw flatml jtrt'ttmturt'li/ from tliii pitlaee of *Lmkmi* : •—

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THK HIIINK.

**The i*]»homera) HUC*<J«K» of my imam!e« dntanhitd you for a moment, my Empire, In my exlb*, upon » r«w»k in the Hea« I hiwnl your eomplaiit; tbe<loaof Imlilei him deeiic*d the fate of your beautiful providers; Napo- Iron |» ntsKitig you; you are worthy to ho Frenahmi'n! liise In a Innly, Join my hiviwlbln phalaiixoH to extermitnte the remainder of tfuwe barbarians wlm an* your (MitmiUut ami mine: they fly with rago and danpair it i hoart*.* **CHlgued)

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